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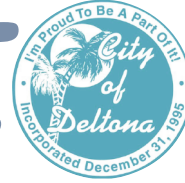
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## Leadership & Learning

*As a leader in the region on public issues and services, Deltona-through the City and through leaders in the community- will continue to exert strong leadership in local and regional affairs.*

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# City of Deltona



## City of Deltona - A City on the Move

## 2017 is construction time for 'The Center'

**T**HE COMMUNITY CENTER OR "THE CENTER at Deltona" is expected to be under construction through 2017 with a projected December opening. The 30,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility will be built at 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and will include administrative offices, leasable area for conferences, meetings, banquets, weddings, performances, graduations, etc.

The building is also designed as a new home for the Council on Aging in Deltona with offices, a large arcade open-space activity hall, a separate Meals on Wheels kitchen and two large activity rooms.

The remainder of the building will include areas for art display, two pre-function hallways, a service hallway, kitchens, raised stage with

full audio/visual equipment, a 7,500 square foot banquet room and more. The banquet room, which has a stage at one end, will seat up to 700 for an assembly and up to 500 with tabled-seating. The Center should be an attraction for a variety of venues for many years.



## Top Cop promises to work to better Deltona

**V**OLUSIA COUNTY officially welcomed it's new Sheriff during Mike Chitwood's swearing in ceremony on Jan. 3.

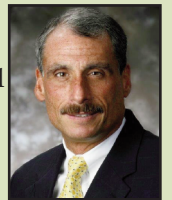
Born in Philadelphia, Chitwood brings more than a quarter-century of police work to the job, including the last 10 years as Daytona Beach Police Chief. He also served more than 15 years in the Philadelphia Police Department and spent a year as Police Chief in Shawnee, Okla. He is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy.

Throughout his tenure with the Daytona Beach Police Department, the 53-year-old Chitwood has been a hands-on leader

who placed a high priority on technology and modern crime-fighting techniques. He also has made the combatting of juvenile crime a major focus of his law enforcement efforts. "Being Sheriff is all about being collaborative and engaging the community in working with law enforcement to identify and address public safety issues," Said Chitwood. "I look forward to partnering with the citizens of Deltona and their elected and appointed leaders to make sure the city's needs are being met. I'm eager to roll up my sleeves and get started."

In Daytona Beach, residents became accustomed

to Chitwood being both accessible and approachable-whether participating in a community forum or charitable local event, out walking the beat, inviting citizens to attend crime-fighting strategy sessions (called CompStat) or pedaling his beloved bicycle around town. These trademark approaches to law enforcement won't end when he officially takes the reins at the Sheriff's Office next month. Added Chitwood: "Serving as Sheriff will be one of the greatest honors of my life."



## Events & Information

**C**ONCERNED ABOUT ZIKA? VISIT [FLORIDAHEALTH.GOV](http://FLORIDAHEALTH.GOV) and get informed on protecting your family.

- Deltona Parks & Recreation will have the annual **Sweetheart Dinner** from 3 to 5 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Drive.
- Need to know who represents you on the Deltona City Commission and how to contact them? Please contact the Mayor & Commission Office, (386) 878-8860 or e-mail Sandi Jackson, [sjackson@deltonafl.gov](mailto:sjackson@deltonafl.gov).
- Deltona's **Love Your Heart 5K** begins at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 11, from Deltona Middle School, 250 Enterprise Road. This competitive, chip-timed 5K with awards in each age group benefits the American Heart Association. Registration \$25 until Jan. 15, \$30 until Feb. 10 and \$35 after Feb. 5 at [Deltona5k.com](http://Deltona5k.com).
- Deltona homeowners whose homes sustained Hurricane Matthew damage may be eligible for a deferred payment loan. Call the Housing & Community Development Office, (386) 878-8616 or (386) 878-8620 to see if you qualify.



Thank you to Nina Ehmer for entering the "My City: I'm Part Of It! I'm Proud Of It!" Her photo of Lake Monroe taken from the City's boat launch on Lakeshore Drive was the unanimous selection of our judges.

## Deltona is quick to recover from Hurricane Matthew

**A**S HURRICANE MATTHEW APPROACHED Central Florida all forecast models labeled it as a powerful Category 4 storm—meaning capable of delivering catastrophic damage to a wide-spread area with sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. Had this happened, this would have been the most powerful storm to strike Northeast Florida in 118 years. Matthew was the most damaging storm to hit the U.S. in almost ten years, the last being Hurricane Felix in 2007.

During the early morning hours of Oct. 7, Hurricane Matthew fortunately made a "wobble" just to the east. The wobble was just enough to reduce the effects felt here in Deltona. The shift allowed City crews to quickly respond to the damage done. City staff responded to 284 calls for service in that 24-hour period. These calls for service included medical calls, downed power lines, trees on houses, collapsed structures and blocked roadways. Sadly during the recovery and cleanup, a citizen lost his life when he was electrocuted while trimming trees in a backyard.

As Deltona prepared for the worst-case-scenario and planned for the "what if's" a local state of emergency was declared to ensure the needed resources were available and secured. The City of

Deltona was organized and ready to handle whatever Hurricane Matthew was going to send our way. And as we transitioned from response to recovery, our community partners were prepared and moved in. Both of our power companies had crews staged in Deltona from as far north as Ohio and went to work restoring power Saturday morning. Many residents still went weeks without power, Florida Power & Light setup an information center at a Deltona Fire Station to provide residents with information.

City staff met with their pre-arranged debris haulers and city crews began the process of first clearing debris from the streets. Haulers removed over 120,000 cubic yards of storm debris from City streets. Volusia County began their second sweep of County roads on Nov. 28.



### Protect yourselves, your property

#### **D**ON'T BECOME A VICTIM.

•The Volusia County Sheriff's Office is devoted to keeping the citizens safe. To assist the Sheriff's Office, we would ask that citizens lock their vehicles when they are unattended. The overwhelming majority of car breaks are to unlocked vehicles. It is rare that a criminal is willing to break a window to enter a vehicle. If we all work together, we can reduce car breaks and improve safety in the community.

•Additionally, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office would like to offer a few tips on how to prevent crime in your neighborhood. If you see something unusual, call us. If you hear someone is com-

mitting crimes, let us know. We want to work with the community, to make everyone safer. Consider motion sensor lights, invest in video surveillance and make sure you lock your home when you leave, including windows. A good picture of a suspect from video surveillance drastically increases the odds the suspect will be apprehended. Your surveillance system may help solve a crime that you are a victim of, or a crime your neighbor is a victim of.

•The Volusia County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens they can provide tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers, 1 (888) 277-TIPS (8477) or online at <https://www.westopcrime.com>.